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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98, a copy of each of the cited documents is enclosed.

Also attached hereto is a copy of the International Search Report prepared with respect to the related International Application No. PCT/GB00/02207, filed June 7, 2000. The relevance of each cited reference is discussed therein.

Applicants hereby respectfully request that the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement be considered and made of record in the above-identified Application. This Information Disclosure Statement is intended to be in full compliance with the rules, but should the Examiner find any part of its required content to have been omitted, prompt notice to that effect is earnestly solicited, along with additional time under Rule 97(f), to enable Applicant to comply fully.

Consideration of the enclosed prior art references is respectfully requested. The Examiner is further respectfully requested to return of a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column.

The examination and allowance of this Application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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